

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006.

Claims 13-14, 17-18, 27, 29, and 31-32 are amended, claims 11-12, 16, 26, 30, 33-34 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 35-37 are added; as a result, claims 13-15, 17-25, 27-29, 31-32, 35-37 are now pending in this application.

Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing claim amendments and following remarks.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 11-12, 17-18, 26 and 31 stand and claims 33-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Salo (U.S. 2003/0125774). As enumerated above and further discussed below, claims 11-12, 17-18, 26, 31, and 33-34 have been amended or canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby overcoming the rejections based on Salo (U.S. 2003/0125774) or rendering such rejections moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13-15 and 17-18:

Claims 13-15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (Office Action, page 4).

Applicants have amended claim 13, and it is believed to be in allowable form. Claims 14-15 and 17-18 depend from amended claim 13. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 13-15 and 17-18 is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-25:

Claims 19-25 were indicated to be allowed for reasons previously made of record. (Office Action, page 4).

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 19-25.

Claims 27-29 and 31:

Claims 27-29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (Office Action, page 4).

Applicants have amended claim 27, and it is believed to be in allowable form. Claims 28-29 and 31 depend from amended claim 27. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 27-29 and 31 is respectfully requested.

Claims 32 and 35-37:

Claim 32 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (Office Action, page 4).

Applicants have amended claim 32, and it is believed to be in allowable form. Claims 35-37 depend from amended claim 32. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 32 and 35-37 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney (612) 359-3276 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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